

SUICIDE PREVENTION

A Call for Policy Change and Public Health Action

Tuesday, 20th of May 2025
08:30 - 10:00 CET

Nations Business Center, NBC
Préde la Bichette 1, 1202 Geneva

Panel discussion with breakfast

Join in person - Please RSVP to
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SIDE EVENT - 78TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Globally, an estimated 720,000 individuals lose their lives to suicide each year, and for every person who dies, at least 20 more attempt suicide. It is the third leading cause of death among 15–29-year-olds**.**

Suicide prevention must be recognised as a public health priority, due to its global impact and devastating effect on communities. Targeted policy changes can reduce suicide rates through a combination of factors, including by decriminalising suicide, restricting access to lethal means, investing in mental health, ensuring early intervention, and promoting responsible media reporting.

Objectives of this session:

- Provide the latest information and best practices on suicide prevention and demonstrate why this needs to be a global priority
- Share evidence regarding various suicide prevention strategies that have been successful worldwide
- Foster global partnerships to achieve a reduction in suicide mortality

This interactive exchange will be opened by the Deputy Minister of Health of the Netherlands and will feature government and civil society representatives from a diverse range of countries and backgrounds.

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